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First Sunday after Christmas December 27th, 2020

9:30 am

In-person service that will also be recorded

The Ven. Christopher Dunn
The Rev. Simone Hurkmans
The Rev. Deacon Dr. Jarrett Carty
Music: Edith Troup
Children and Youth: Julie Newlands

Celebrant: Dear friends, we gather today on the traditional unceded territory of the Algonquin Anishnaabeg people.

People: May we dwell on this land with respect and peace.

Celebrant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Praise the Lord! Praise God from the heavens.

People: Young men and women alike, old and young together!

Celebrant: Let us praise the name of the Lord.

People: whose name alone is exalted above earth and heaven. Alleluia!

Celebrant: Almighty God,

People: to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant: God of promise,

People: you renew your gift to those whose faces are lined and whose hearts are filled by the passage of years: help us, with Simeon and Anna, to see beyond the surface the face and heart of God in Jesus Christ, the given Child. Amen.

The First Reading is from Isaiah (61:10-62:3)

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride

adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 148

Celebrant: Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens;

People: praise God in the heights.

Celebrant: Praise the Lord all you angels;

People: sing praises, all you heavenly host.

Celebrant: Praise the Lord, sun and moon;

People: sing praises, all you shining stars.

Celebrant: Praise the Lord, heaven of heavens,

People: sing praises, you waters above the heavens.

Celebrant: Let them praise the name of the Lord;

People: who gave the command and they were created,

Celebrant: who made them stand fast for ever and ever,

People: who gave them a law which shall not pass away.

Celebrant: Praise the Lord from the earth,

People: you sea-monsters and all deeps;

Celebrant: fire and hail, snow and fog,

People: tempestuous wind, doing God's will;

Celebrant: mountains and all hills,

People: fruit trees and all cedars;

Celebrant: wild beasts and all cattle,

People: creeping things and wingèd birds;

Celebrant: sovereigns of the earth and all peoples,

People: princes and all rulers of the world;

Celebrant: young men and young women,

People: old and young together.

Celebrant: Let them praise the name of the Lord,

People: whose name only is exalted, whose splendour is over earth and heaven.

Celebrant: The Lord has raised up strength for this people and
praise for all loyal servants,

People: the children of Israel, a people who are near to the Lord. Hallelujah!

The Second Reading is from Galatians (4:4-7)

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

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Gradual Hymn: 'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime (tune CP#146)
(these words, by Rohahes, aka Iain Phillips, better reflect the Eastern Woodland Aboriginal cosmology)

'Twas in the moon of wintertime, when all the birds had fled.

The mighty Creator of all sent spirit-choirs instead;

Before their light the stars grew dim,

And wandering hunters heard the hymn:

Jesus High Chief is born, Jesus is born, in excelsis gloria.

Within a lodge of sturdy bark the tender Babe was found;
a simple robe of rabbit skin enwrapped his beauty round,
for as the hunting men drew near,
the Spirit's drums rang loud and clear!
Jesus High Chief is born, Jesus is born, in excelsis gloria.

The earliest moon of wintertime is not so round and fair
as was the ring of glory on the helpless infant there.
Great chiefs from far before him knelt
with gifts of fox and beaver-pelt.
Jesus High Chief is born, Jesus is born, in excelsis gloria.

O children of the forest free, who dwell beneath the sun,
the holy Child of earth and sky has come to make you one.
Come, kneel before the radiant boy,
who brings you beauty, peace, and joy.
Jesus High Chief is born, Jesus is born, in excelsis Gloria.

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke (2:22-40)

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons." Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

“Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.” And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, “This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.” There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Celebrant: Let us make an affirmation of faith, as we say,

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

(prepared by Jarrett Carty)

One: As children of God and heirs of the promise, let us pray to the Lord, saying, Loving God,

All: hear our prayer.

One: Let us pray for the church, especially for Linda, our Primate; Anne, our Metropolitan; Shane, our Bishop; and Chris, Simone, and Jarrett, our clergy. For the whole church of God, that all who have been baptized into Christ may shine like the dawn, and light the way of salvation in Jesus' name, let us pray to the Lord: Loving God,

All: hear our prayer.

One: For the nations of the earth, that governments and those in authority may protect the vulnerable, shelter the oppressed, and pursue the way of peace; for as the earth brings forth its shoots, so may the Lord cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations; let us pray to the Lord: Loving God,

All: hear our prayer.

One: For Ottawa and for all towns and communities near to us, that kindness may abound, compassion prevail, and harmony endure, let us pray to the Lord: Loving God,

All: hear our prayer.

One: For the planet earth, our home, that we may honour her gifts, respect her limitations, and protect her resources, let us pray to the Lord: Loving God,

All: hear our prayer.

One: For those troubled with illness, hardship, or conflict, especially:

All: **Betty-Joan** (Hagerman); **Cheryl** (McTeer); **Brayden** (Turtle); **Michele** (Pollesel); **Carran** (Taylor); **Nancy** (Irvine); **Randy** (Brown); **Charlie** (Cuffari); **Barbara** (Hill); **Ernest** (Betancourt); **David** (Nador); **Janet** (Whillans)

One: and those we name, silently or aloud . . . that they may receive healing for their bodies, release from their burdens, and mending of their brokenness, let us pray to the Lord: Loving God,

All: **hear our prayer.**

One: For those who have died, especially those whom we name silently or aloud . . . , and those who mourn them, let us pray to the Lord: Loving God,

All: **hear our prayer.**

One: Hear us, O God, for our eyes have seen your salvation. Let your light shine through us and fill the world with the radiance of your love revealed in Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns in glory.

All: **Amen.**

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy. God welcomes sinners and invites us to the table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept

Celebrant: Most merciful God,

People: **we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For**

the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Share a sign of peace with others through the Zoom link by waving.

Hymn: Good King Wenceslas

#145

Good King Wenceslas looked out
on the feast of Stephen,
when the snow lay round about,
deep and crisp and even.
Brightly shone the moon that night,
though the frost was cruel,
when a poor man came in sight,
gathering winter fuel

“Hither, page, and stand by me,
if thou knowest it, telling:
yonder peasant, who is he?
Where and what his dwelling?”
“Sire, he lives a good league hence,
underneath the mountain,
right against the forest fence,
by St. Agnes' fountain.”

“Bring me flesh and bring me wine,
bring me pine-logs hither;
thou and I will see him dine,
when we bear him thither.”

Page and monarch forth they went,
forth they went together,
through the rude wind's wild lament,
and the bitter weather.

“Sire, the night is darker now,
and the wind blows stronger:
fails my heart, I know not how;
I can go no longer.”

“Mark my footsteps, my good page;
tread thou in them boldly.
Thou shalt find the winter's rage
freeze thy blood less coldly.”

In his master's steps he trod,
where the snow lay dinted;
heat was in the very sod
which the saint had printed.
Therefore, Christians all, be sure,
wealth and rank possessing,
ye who now will bless the poor,
shall yourselves find blessing.

Celebrant: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we say,

People: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant: Glory to God,

People: whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

Celebrant: We go from here as a questioning community.

People: Are we ready to greet the chosen one of God?

Celebrant: We go from here as an inclusive community.

People: Are there any who feel unwelcome or unsure?

Celebrant: We go from here as a working community.

People: Are we prepared to use talents and time we did not know were ours?

Celebrant: We go from here as a faithful community.

People: How do we show our commitment to Jesus Christ?

Celebrant: And the blessing

Announcements

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Readings for Next Sunday, January 3rd, 2020

Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14;

Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12

Sharing in our liturgical ministry today:

Reader: Paul Dearden

Intercessor: Jarrett Carty (read by Julie Newlands)

Cantor: Karen Blackie

Credits:

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Closing Prayers from Responsive Prayers: For Every Week of the Church Year, David Sparks, Year B

Collect from Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.

Readings from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible.

Psalm reprinted from A Liturgical Psalter, General Synod 2016 edition, the psalter of the Book of Alternative Services emended for contemporary liturgical use

Liturgical texts from The Book of Alternative Services

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Please pray this week for:

- those in our Pastoral Care: Elizabeth Barter, Isabel Barter, Jean Noi, and Joyce Code; and
- the GranAid Program and its support of Fikelala in the Diocese of Cape Town, South Africa.



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